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## SPRING CONCERT

The Seminary Choir presented Brahms' REQUIEM in Binkley Chapel May 3. A twenty-six piece orchestra accompanied the singers which included three soloists. Dr. Ben Johnson conducted.

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## GRADUATION

Graduation exercises were held on campus May 13-14. Graduates numbered 197. These join the 115 persons who graduated in December to make the academic year 1982-83 the most fruitful in Southeastern's history in the number of graduates.

Dr. Tom Downing, pastor University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, preached the baccalaureate sermon. Dean Morris Ashcraft delivered the charge to the graduates.

Total Southeastern alumni now number 5094.

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## OLD TESTAMENT TEACHER

Dr. Sam Balentine has been elected by trustee mail ballot as Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament. He was a 1976 graduate of Southeastern, earning the Broadman Award (highest GPA in the class). A mature teacher of the Old Testament in another Southern Baptist seminary who has closely observed Dr. Balentine's teaching the past four years says, "He has become an exciting and innovative teacher - ever seeking new ways to stimulate the interest and challenge the thinking of his students . . . He is bubbling over with ideas . . . He is destined to be one of the truly outstanding Old Testament teachers among Southern Baptists and in the larger circle of biblical scholarship as well."

Dr. Balentine begins his teaching with the fall term.

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## SUMMER TERMS

The first summer term begins June 14. The second term begins July 12. Preliminary activity indicates strong enrollments for both terms.

